

## K-3 Writing: Preparing Students for Writing Assessments

**September 17, 2013**

**Workshop #058-13**

**Green River Regional Educational Cooperative • 230 Technology Way • Bowling Green, KY • 42101**

Green River Regional Educational Cooperative is pleased to offer a one-day training for K-3 teachers on preparing students for writing assessments.

Perhaps the most important years in education are those formative ones in primary classrooms. Not only do those beginning classes help children adjust to school, but they also are the cornerstone for all student learning. Because of the vital nature of those lower classrooms, primary teachers have a very special place in our combined effort to build writers and thinkers; however, many times, primary teachers are left out of workshops and have special needs that are often not met in our rush for accountability level training. Now, for the first time, lower primary teachers have a set of concrete writing standards and need training geared to the needs of the primary classroom.

The workshop will help to meet special needs such as:

- What primary writing looks like and how it develops
- What the writing process looks like in the primary classroom
- How to use organizers and manipulatives to help a young writer
- How picture books and other resources can be used to spark writing ideas

All of these ideas and strategies are based on and grounded in the Common Core Writing Standards for Grades K-2. Not only will primary teachers get a chance to examine the standards and best-practice strategies for the youngest writers, but they will also have an opportunity to share ideas and strategies with other primary teachers from across the state in a risk-free environment.

### **Presenters Sylvia Abell and Debby Atherton, Abell & Atherton Educational Consulting, Inc.**

*With 27 years of experience as a highly effective English teacher for Butler County High School, seven years of experience as co-director of the Western Kentucky Writing Project, and three years as a Regional Writing Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, Sylvia Abell brings a wealth of classroom experience.*

*During her 29-year career, Debby Atherton held successful positions as an elementary, middle, and high school principal. She served as a Director of Secondary Education, a District Assessment Coordinator, and Regional Science Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education.*

*Over the past four years Sylvia and Debby have provided professional development for Kentucky teachers and administrators as private educational consultants for Abell & Atherton Educational Consulting, Inc.*

**Audience:** K-3 Teachers, Curriculum Coordinators, and Instructional Supervisors

**Presenters:** Sylvia Abell and Debbie Atherton, Abell & Atherton Educational Consulting, Inc.

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 17, 2013

**Location:** Green River Regional Educational Cooperative • 230 Technology Way • Bowling Green, KY

**Time:** 8:30-3:30 (CDT) Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$50.00 for GRREC members; \$100 for non-GRREC members

*Includes materials, breakfast, and afternoon snack (lunch will be on your own)*

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 80 PARTICIPANTS ♦ EILA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE**

## Registration Form

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. # \_\_\_\_\_ (required for registration)

Note: School district (or school) will be billed following the activity based upon registration. Cancellations must be made within five (5) working days of the activity to avoid being billed. Substitutions will be allowed.

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**Registration Deadline: August 28, 2013**

Register on-line at [www.grrec.ky.gov](http://www.grrec.ky.gov)

or

*Fax this completed form to GRREC at (270) 563-2208*

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